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RURAL DISTRICT OF
LUTTERWORTH

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The ANNUAL REPORT
of the Medical Officer of Health
and the Chief Public Health Inspector

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of the

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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YEAR 1962

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To the Chairman and Members of
Lutterworth Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report on the Health of the District for the year 1962.

The Vital Statistics are commented upon in the relevant sections of the report.

I wish to thank Mr. McNaught and the staff of the Public Health Department for their help during the year, and also to express my indebtedness to the Public Health Committee for their support.

I am Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Yours obediently,

Andrew C. Ross

Medical Officer of Health.

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VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

Live Births

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	113	112	225
Illegitimate	1	9	10
Totals	114	121	235

BIRTH RATE

17.6 per 1,000 population

1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951
14.1	16.4	19.3	21.1	17.9	20.0	21.6	20.5	17.9	17.9	17.0
1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962
16.2	16.6	16.0	13.8	14.2	14.7	17.1	16.1	15.5	17.1	17.6

The live Birth Rate for England and Wales in 1962 per 1,000 population was 18.0. This was the highest since 1948 for England and Wales.

DEATHS

	Males	Females	Total
Deaths from all causes	86	84	170

CRUDE DEATH RATE

12.7 per 1,000 estimated population

1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951
13.0	10.8	14.2	11.7	11.0	12.4	10.0	11.5	11.9	11.0	11.1
1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962
13.8	11.7	11.8	12.5	12.3	11.3	9.8	9.7	10.6	9.7	12.7

The commonest causes of death were:-

		Total
1.	Cancer	26
2.	Diseases of the heart and circulation	86
3.	Vascular lesions of the nervous system	17

Motor vehicle accidents accounted for one death. They were responsible for seven deaths in 1961.

There were no deaths from pregnancy and childbirth.

Cancer Mortality Rate (all forms)
taken in triennial periods - per
1000 population

1931 - 33	1.9	1946 - 48	1.3
1934 - 36	1.7	1949 - 51	1.9
1937 - 39	1.8	1952 - 54	1.4
1940 - 42	1.7	1955 - 57	1.7
1943 - 45	1.4	1958 - 60	1.5
		1961	1.7
		1962	1.9

Infant Deaths (under 1 year of age)

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	5	4	9
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Totals	5	4	9

Infant Mortality Rate

38.3 per 1,000 live births

21.4 per 1,000 live births - England and Wales

1931 -33	1934 -36	1937 -39	1940 -42	1943 -45	1946 -48	1949 -51	1952 -54	1955 -57	1958 -60	1961	1962
54	40	47	49	32	29	29	24	24	17	17	38

Infant Deaths (under 4 weeks of age)

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	5	3	8
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Totals	5	3	8

Neonatal Death Rate

34.0 per 1,000 live births

Still Births

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	-	3	3
Illegitimate	-	1	1
Totals	-	4	4

The Still Birth Rate for Lutterworth Rural District is 16.7 per 1,000 births (live and still).

Still Birth Rate for England and Wales is 18.1 per 1,000 births (live and still).

Increase of Births over Deaths

1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951
12	64	57	102	75	83	140	114	72	81	70
1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962
29	58	50	16	20	42	91	73	65	100	65

DEATH FROM ALL CAUSES

	1962		
	Males	Females	Total
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	1	0	1
2. Tuberculosis, other	0	0	0
3. Syphilitic disease	0	0	0
4. Diphtheria	0	0	0
5. Whooping Cough	0	0	0
6. Meningococcal infections	0	0	0
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	0	0	0
8. Measles	0	0	0
9. Other infective & parasitic diseases	0	1	1
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	1	0	1
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	4	0	4
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	0	5	5
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	0	2	2
14. Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	6	8	14
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia	0	0	0
16. Diabetes	0	0	0
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	9	8	17
18. Coronary disease, angina	15	9	24
19. Hypertension with heart disease	2	9	11
20. Other heart disease	22	18	40
21. Other circulatory disease	4	7	11
22. Influenza	0	0	0
23. Pneumonia	4	3	7
24. Bronchitis	5	3	8
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	1	0	1
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	0	1	1
27. Gastritis, enteritis & diarrhoea	0	1	1
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	0	1	1
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	1	0	1
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	0	0	0
31. Congenital malformations	0	1	1
32. Other defined & ill-defined diseases	7	3	10
33. Motor vehicle accidents	1	0	1
34. All other accidents	1	4	5
35. Homicide & operations of war	2	0	2
36. Suicide	0	0	0
TOTAL	86	84	170

VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

The table below shows the number of children immunised against Diphtheria for the year 1962.

	Primary			Re-immunised
	Under 5 years	5-14 years	Total	
1952	144	5	149	66
1953	139	4	143	126
1954	154	3	157	106
1955	123	4	127	101
1956	117	5	122	84
1957	111	2	113	93
1958	186	10	196	122
1959	151	5	156	115
1960	175	17	192	101
1961	172	36	208	127
1962	170	2	172	74

B.C.G. Vaccination

Selected groups of school children were again given B.C.G. vaccination. The number of children vaccinated was -

Lutterworth Grammar School 66

Lutterworth Secondary Modern 74

Tuberculosis

One case of pulmonary tuberculosis was notified during the year. There were no cases of non-pulmonary tuberculosis.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE

PREVALENCE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Total number of cases of Infectious Diseases
notified during the year 1962

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE	Number of Cases Notified at Ages							
	At All Ages	Under 1 Year	1- 5 yrs.	5- 15 yrs.	15- 25 yrs.	25- 45 yrs.	45- 65 yrs.	65 & up- wards
Scarlet Fever	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Diphtheria	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Measles	31	1	8	19	3	0	0	0
Pneumonia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Meningococcal Infection	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Poliomyelitis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dysentery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Enteric Fever	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Food Poisoning	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Erysipelas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Other forms of Tuberculosis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Infectious Diseases (other than Tuberculosis)

Average per Year in Triennial Periods

	1940	1943	1946	1949	1952	1955	1958	1961	1962
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1942	1945	1948	1951	1954	1957	1960		
Smallpox	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	10	11	9	5	2	4	4	3	1
Whooping Cough	3	13	8	22	32	18	17	-	-
Diphtheria	8	0.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	3	38	65	115	56	162	57	525	31
Pneumonia	3	9	9	4	14	13	5	3	-
Meningococcal Infection	1	-	-	-	0.3	0.6	-	-	-
Poliomyelitis	-	-	0.7	1	0.3	1	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	2	17	-	-	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-	--	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	1	0.3	0.3	1	-	-	-	-
Enteric Fever	0.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	0.3	1	-	-	-
Erysipelas	0.3	0.7	0.7	0.3	2	1.3	-	-	-

Poliomyelitis

There were no cases for the year under review.

REPORT

of the

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

for the

YEAR

1962

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I wish to submit a brief report on the work of the Public Health Department for the year 1962.

HOUSING

New Dwellings

The total number of houses completed in the district during the year amounted to 136, 24 of which were Council Houses and 102 were completed by Private Enterprise. At the 31st December there were 165 houses in course of construction, 86 by the Local Authority and 79 by private enterprise.

HOUSING ACT 1936 AND HOUSING REPAIRS AND RENT ACT 1954

During the period under review 23 houses were demolished as being unfit for human habitation. These houses had been empty for some time and only one person was displaced. Closing Orders were served in connection with 19 houses where nine families were affected, 23 persons being displaced. One house which was scheduled as unfit was rendered fit by the owner.

HOUSING ACTS 1949 AND 1959

The Council have continued to make discretionary grants and during the year there were 32 applications, 18 of which were approved. During the same period 42 standard grants were approved and the work in connection with 25 of the properties was satisfactorily completed during the year.

HOUSING (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS) ACT 1958

The Council have encouraged the occupiers of Council Houses to purchase the properties in which they reside and during the year 6 houses have been sold. Advances have also been made to purchasers of private properties and 15 loans were taken up.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

During the year the sewage disposal works and the sewerage works for the villages of Broughton Astley, Leire, Ashby Parva, Dunton Bassett and Ashby Magna were completed.

CONVERSIONS

The conversion of pail closets has not been carried out as quickly as the Council would wish and during the year 38 of these were converted to the water carriage system and pressure is to be brought to bear on those owners who have not yet made the change.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES

The six slaughterhouses in the area were all brought up to modern standards and whilst there was not 100% meat inspection the figures show that there was a 92% cover.

The number of animals examined after slaughter were as follows:-

	Cattle excl. cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	372	-	-	1975	905	-
Number inspected	348	-	-	1770	881	-
<u>All Diseases except</u> <u>Tuberculosis</u>						
Whole carcases condemned	NIL	-	-	NIL	NIL	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	30	-	-	3	14	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with diseases other than tuberculosis	8.62	-	-	.5	1.59	-

GENERAL

During the year regular inspections have been carried out as shown in the table below:-

Animal Keeping	6
Bakehouses	-
Dairies	5
Drainage Works	368
Dwelling-houses	222
Infectious Disease Inquiries	8
Food Poisoning Inquiries	-
Food Premises	312
Offensive Trades	1
Refuse Collection and Disposal	89
Rodent Control	18
Schools	7
Shops	-
Slaughter-houses and Meat Inspection	298
Smoke Control	3
Verminous and Dirty Premises	1
Caravans, etc.	9
Water Supplies	4
Factories and Workplaces	1
Other Inspections	384
TOTAL	1,736

I am,

Yours obediently,

H. G. McNAUGHT

Engineer, Surveyor & Public Health Inspector.

